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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Laridon et al.  
Serial Number: 10/015,305  
Filed: December 12, 2001  
For: **THERMOPLASTIC ARTICLES COMPRISING  
SILVER-CONTAINING ANTIMICROBIALS  
AND HIGH AMOUNTS OF CARBOXYLIC  
ACID SALTS FOR INCREASED SURFACE-  
AVAILABLE SILVER**  
Group Art Unit: 1617  
Examiner: S. Sharareh

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 12, 2003, Applicant hereby elects for further consideration Group I, Claims 1-16 and 22-32, *with traverse*. Applicant respectfully requests that the Office contact their attorney by telephone at the number listed below in order to decide issues such as this in the future.

March 19, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on March 19, 2003, along with a postcard receipt.

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